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THE CITY'S PAVING PROGRAMME.

F THE \$3,500,000 granted by the Board of Estimate for new paving in the City of New York, the Borough of Manhattan gets \$2,000,000, and not all of this \$2,000,000 is to be spent in the shopping and "company" sections.

The lower and business end of Manhattan is down for attention this time. Streets like Chambers, Centre, Nassau, Warren, Worth, Duane, Mercer, Houston, Oliver, Catharine, Monroe, Horatio, Front, Water and Vesey are promised the new surfaces that some of them have needed for more years than anybody can remember.

Streets under which new subways have been constructed will naturally require repaying; altogether it should prove a record year for smoothing ruts and holes out of New York's thoroughfares.

Upon one point let there be special emphasis:

It ought to be possible before these new pavements are laid to compel every public service corporation to put its pipes, wires or tracks in such repair that there need be no question of ripping up the new surface for such work a few months after paving is completed.

New York has suffered enough in the past from confusion and chaos of that sort. There should be municipal authority sufficient to enforce the kind of co-ordination that will insure the speedy beginning and completion of all underground work when new pavements are to be put down.

High authorities have maintained that the condition of a city's pavements is a fair gauge of its civilization.

Part of the test should be the frequency with which it permits public service corporations to tear them up.

At this time of nation-wide economy New York ought to make a special effort to spend \$3,500,000 on improving its streets with officiency and without after-waste.

When the great "German Trust" in America, consisting of steamship lines, lumber companies, woolen mtils, chemical plans, lead pencil factories and beer, tobacco and sugar concerns all of them German property, some of them in close relations with the German Government and most of them making enormous profits-is put up in parcels and knocked down to the highest bidders, maybe the Kaiser will be less confident about that restorative time in the sun that was to succeed the war, when Germany would again do business to her profit with the nations she has challenged and outraged.

BUYING FOR THE STATE.

THE attention of taxpayers is called to a measure recently. introduced in the Legislature at Albany providing for the establishment of a State purchasing system, the aim of which is to save dollars in the spending of the public money.

The State of New York buys each year departmental supplies to the value of nearly \$9,000,000. Under the present system-or lack of it-at feast one hundred and sixty-five distinct and separate officials exercise the purchasing function. The result is confusion, duplication of effort and a total absence of that centralization which any big private corporation would consider essential to economical buying.

State Comptroller Travis points to one of the worst features of the decentralized plan in the fact that under it from 60 to 75 per l cent, of supplies are bought in the open market:

Buying the greater per cent, of purchases in the open market is a fact the advocates of the present system cannot uphold, and is directly the result of a lack of central control. One naturally cannot obtain quantity prices by open market purchasing. Buying in small quantities results in little competition, which in turn means retail prices. An organization buying millions of dollars' worth of supplies is entitled to something better than retail prices.

Stockholders in any private corporation would look at it that him in the hope that his son's death street car saw the situation in an in- mean women Congressmen; Miss Ran- white to the lips. Old as he was, date and economical methods in the purchasing of the thousand and soldiers. His efforts have not been ing near the horse. She went right Congressman—still, everybody said magnate of the woollen trade, was at way. Taxpayers certainly have the right to expect the most up-toone things the total annual cost of which they are called upon to pay.

Now that the Federal Government has become a buyer on an unprecedented scale it tends more and more toward the centralization of purchasing functions in a few responsible heads. The same policy plaint made by the private's father woman had performed a bit of civic fair, I'll bet," remarked Mr. Jarr, -which a number of other States have already adopted-might well prove to the advantage of taxpayers in this commonwealth.

Is there a more pathetic figure to-day than the King of Roumania hoping that the Allies, and especially the American people, will not turn their backs upon his kingdom because it has chosen humiliation rather than certain defeat and ruin.

Letters From the People Please limit communications to 150 words.

No Chance to Do Itta Bit.

I noted in your columns recently the letters of readers who complained bitterly of the fallure of "stay-athomes" to do their bit. Will some one tell me how to do mine? I have tried repeatedly to secure employment in Government work and .ave beal engineering two years, have been a well trained clerk for four years more and have enough patriotism to give my country efficient service. AMERICAN.

Thinks Russia Should Welcome Japanese.

To the Editor of The Evening World: I have read with great interest your man domination out of Asiatic Russia by sending a Japanese exeditionary force into Siberia should have been made to bristle with diplo-matic difficulties and dangers."

That should have been on the front

where everybody n it, as I am certain that you voice sensible under exteting of the sentiment of 90 per cent of the

people. In my opinion, Russia fur- ried with their own immediate world. The trouble with many of us is we tistics an interesting example to us-with her forty different languages. of being contrary. Now, if the latest I won't be able to got by with it," &c., and it. I wante to able to got by with it," &c., and it. ment in Government work and save the Allies, it should welcome the not succeeded. I have studied chem- Japanese. Unitters will never win Eskimos Wear Ventilated Costumes

Would Have Women Spend Vacation To VEN in the Arctic Circle, there is pome portion of his body partly un-To the Billion of The Evening Word:

E danger of perspiring when the overed. This allows the air to pene-temperature is endeavoring to rate between his heavy furs and his Why not let all working girls or women offer to spend their vacation period on farms where help is danger. Swathed in heavy furs, as the interest of the change of work might be as beneficial as going to the seashere or country simply on temperature is endeavoring to pady and ventilates his costume, coulder that resolution would remain out of doors for the was just a little higher than another, some time in the most severe part of the year, she covers the middle of the year, she will get the necessary beavy perfumes?" editorial, "Far the Itead," in which might be as beneficial as going to to make camp, he will freeze in a very belts of fextails, but adjusted in such the seashers or country simply on the seashers or country simply or country simply or country simply or country simply simply o

"Don't I Get Any Credit?"

by The Uren Holdishing Co. (The New York Evening World.)

By J. H. Cassel



The Public Spirited Father

service.

By Sophie Irene Loeb

WO prominent army officers are or "I'll have no influence." To all to be court martialed as a re- of this the answer is that if every one suit of the public spirit of a thought like this the world would be

improper treat- of life and death, there are many, son why." ment at a milli- many other ways in which service tury camp.

> vestigation was there. thorough and un- abusing a horse as I was passing by impledened man- in a street car. A crowd had gathnec. It was done ered. He was pulling the horse in

tions to which his son was subjected that the bit was hurting the animal, and ratified, and now that we have Atianta, I believe." The whole work was carried on by A young woman who was on the elected four Congressmen-1 would make things better for other stant, and got off the car at a cross- kin of Montana is still our only lady wealthy as he was, her husband, made in vain. They were constructive up to a policeman and called him we elected four by the voice of the present moment, it was whispered, So honest were the father's obser- gathered. The officer was soon tak- again, whatever it means."

valions that the inspector's report ing the name of the driver and the states: "In fact, possibly every com- witnesses to the incident. The young was found to be true."

His was a splendid piece of work Again, in the case of crowds, I have that will certainly improve things so seen public spirited citizens demand that similar suffering will be saved the right of way for women and chilmany soldiers. Thus the death of dren. One of the greatest assets of this father's son will perhaps save being a citizen is to take a civic pride many other lives. At least that must in the city and endeavor to correct Blotch suys. With the whole world "But I didn't think Canada was at be a source of consolation to the abuses as they come along, father, and if there was only a little. Our metropolis is often spoken of more such public spirit on the part of in other cities as one of the few the individual many things would be places where there is no civic interest on the part of the citizen-lack of in-

Most of the time people are wor- terest in the welfare of others. and will not take the trouble to pre- leave it to others to correct our civic was not among those present to hear discuss Mr. Smith's business affairs, vent troubles for others. The general wrongs. chiosophies as all the rest of the feeling is. "Why bother?" "What's Our own interest would be better ors we have such people here, all haring different views for the sake of being is. "I can't bring the dead conserved if we shouldered a little of baring different views for the sake of being a wood only one person and public responsibility daily as we back," or "I am only one person and public responsibility daffy as we the two old friends with a grudge at-

The Jarr Family

By Roy L. McCardell

66 YUST to show that the sex is | YOU would know if it were onlone. I bereaved father a very poor place in which to live in- Hotel St. Crocaus this afternoon," re- nana-like perfume." marked Mrs. Jarr, "so if I am late "It's onlone eaten by some boardcause of alleged Where the case mentioned is one this evening you will know the rea- ing-house person, I suppose!" Mrs.

"I do not know that I will," said could be rendered to the public at Mr. Jarr, "unless you tell me what The father's in- large by just a little effort here and it is you ladies are going to ratify." "I'm sure I don't know," replied conducted in a The other day I saw a huckster Mrs. Jarr. "All I do know is that before we got the vote we held meetin the interest of changing condi- such a way as to make it apparent. Then, when we voted, we again met

> "It means there will be a big row among all the dames and damsels

Mrs. Jarr aggarded him coldly. "I at war, our sex is at peace."

upon two old friends with a grudge- dition treaties she did not say. Clara Mudridge-Smith and Mrs. So Mrs. Mudridge-Smith only Stryver. Mrs. Jarr was glad Mr. Jarr marked that she REALLY could not the clash that followed.

tacks or rough work, so to speak. No, where allen enemies lurked.

little high on one side?"

touchy concerning one shoulder that retort and perhaps be more explicit was just a little higher than another, regarding her husband going to At-

onions, and, to make it worse, en- lost my diamond invallere!"

pleasure. The trouble would be to short time. Terrible suffering is the a way that she will get the necessary find out where one could be of help rather than a bindrance, and where the surroundings would be safe, &c. It seems a pity that with our country at war we should spend vacations. It is easy so the work of how to keep warm without persumply looking for a good time. Wemen and girls are especially help-less to know what is practical and sensible under existing conditions.

D. B. S. pleasy with Arctic furs, he leaves working.

Short time. Terrible suffering is the a way that she will get the necessary alr ventilation.

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united, we are going to have notice the chairs here have been rea ratification meeting at the cently gilded-gold paint has a ba-

Mugridge-Smith retorted. This was another stab. People who

"knew her when" whispered that ere the days of her hu. and's making money in munitions Mrs. Stryver had conducted a genteel boarding-house. "How is your husband, my dear?"

ings to ratify, and after we got the asked Mrs. Stryver sweetly, as though vote we held meetings to ratify, ignoring the ignoule topic of chions. "I understood he was going South-

Mrs. Clara Mudridge-Smith turned over to where the small group had women-why, we are going to ratify the subject of Secret Service inquiry occause of alleged shouldy in cloth furalahed on contract for uniforms. Inprison is in Atlanta.

Mrs. Mudridge-Smith deemed it beg your pardon," she said. "But best to infer that her husband did there will be NOTAING of the kind! not contemplate being anywhere in 'All the old feminine an mosities are the vicinity of Atlanta. So she acidly gone with all the other littlenesses of remarked, "Oh, you are misinformed our sex,' as Josephine Blessington Mr. Smith is in Toronto on business,

all safe, I should say healthy for This might have been true enough, him," murmured Mrs. Stryver. But tion meeting Mrs. Jarr came right in weather or because of allied extra-

as he was doing important Govern-Not that there was any frontal at- mont work and no one could tell

This was a dig at Mrs. Stryver, tacked each other amiably and kizsed who had made much of a friendship with the Baroness Von Grabbenstein "What a stunning frock!" cried before the war. Since the war the to pay 'indemnity' for life? Mrs. Stryver, first to recover from Baroness had been suspected of being the klasing. "But isn't it just a a spy because she had plenty of money and an accent.

As Mrs. Mudridge-Smith was very | Seeing Mrs. Stryver was about to lanta rather than Canada, Mrs. Mud-"WHO has been eating spring ridge-Smith exclaimed, "Oh, I have

And in the confusion that attended the search for the missing jewelrywhich was later discovered

WHITES HAVE GOOD EYES. among Indians and negroes without a struggle!

Stories of Spies

By Albert Payson Terhune

No. 4—"MACABEBE MARIE," Funston's Filipino Spy.



ER name, to-day, is lost-except perhaps when a group of old time "Caribaos" meet to talk over their fights. Yet, years ago, many columns of newspaper space were devoted to her exploits. She was known to our men in the Philippines as

"Macabebe Marie." Gen. Funston promoted her to a position on his personal staff and valued her as one of his very best spies.

Marie was a Filipino woman-well educated, fine looking, fearless. In the days when the Philippines were still under Spanish rule, her husband was one of the leaders in a native insurrection against Spain In a battle with the Spaniards near Ballaug, in

Luzon, her husband was killed. Marte was fighting at his side when he fell at the head of his men. At nce she snatched up the dead man's sword and took command of the

native troops, urging them on to victory. After that, as long as the insurrection lasted, she wore her husband's

uniform and served as a Captain. Soon after the United States took possession of the Philippines another native revolution broke forth—this time against the Americans. The revolt was headed by Emilio Aguinaldo, who cost our

country much money and many lives before he was

at last captured. Marie received a commission as Captain in Aguinaldo's army. Once more she donned a uniform and performed brilliant feats of valor. Then an odd grievance made her renounce her alleglance to the native cause and become one of the stanchest friends of the

Americans. Here is the story: Aguinaldo tried to stir his less valiant officers to a false courage by declaring he would pay fifty peses to any such officer who was wounded in actual battle against Uncle Sam's troops.

Mario the day after this generous offer was made, was wounded while she ded her men in a skirmish against the Americans. At once she sent in to Aguinaldo a request for her fifty pesos. Before any reply could be received she took gallant part in another

battle and received two more serious wounds. At this rate she was due to become richer than any local profitees,

She cancelled her first demand and sent Aguinaldo a bill for one hundred and fifty pesos-fifty for each of her three wounds. Aguinaido had always been lavish in the matter of promises. But he had a sad habit of forgetfulness when it came to making good on his pledges. He curtly refused to pay her one hundred and fifty pesos of

indeed any money at all. The woman, wounded now in mind as well as in body, swore a great outh of vengeance against the swindler. As a first step in the fulfilling of her outh, she joined the American Army.

Here she quickly proved her value. As a secret service agent she was a treasure. She had an almost uncanny influence over the natives. She could wheedle them into telling her anything she wanted to know. And

she would carry such information straight to Funston. Sometimes disguising herself as a man, sometimes as a ragged beggar woman, she wandered at will through the Filipino Army, picking up all sorts of facts as to its plans and movements. Her news often saved the Americans from the perils of a night attack. Still oftener it told them

how to checkmate one of Aguinaldo's most crafty plots.

She seemed to bear a charmed life. Aguinaido was never able to catch her. Nor were any of the men to whom he offered glittering rewards for Price on Her Head away upon little expeditions on her own account, but She Escapes. She heard that the Americans wanted to disarm as

many of Aguinaldo's men as possible, knowing new rifles were hard to obtain in the insurgent army. Therefore, she would go out of the American camp at dusk, returning at sunrise with a great armful of Filipino rifles. This she did night after night. No one could

guess how she got the rifies, and she never volunteered to tell.

Once she rescued two of Uncle Sam's sergeants from a hand of Ladrones that ambushed them. This she did by emptying her two revolvers into the assailants and holding them off until the sergeants could get at

On May 4, 1902, the following press item was sent out from Wash-

'Macabebe Marie,' known to every soldier in the Philippines as one of the shrewdest sples in the American service—is dead!"

Sayings of Mrs. Solomon.

By Helen Rowland

Cocuright, 1918, by the Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World). Y daughter, hear now the Bachelor's Hymn of Defiance, which he chanteth in secret. Behold, after each flirtation and every escape from matrimony

doth he set himself upon a pedestal and repeat his song of triumph, saying: "Away, thou seeker after conquest and domestic tyranny!



"For lo, I have dodged thee once more! "Behold, I am still single, unconquerable, immunel "Yea, though many times I have lost my heart in

the folly of the love game, I have never yet lost my head! "Le, for hours have I sat with thee in the moonlight and held thy hand-yet always did I carefully escape the hook therein! "Thou hast pursued me to the uttermost parts of

sales sound the earth. I have walked with thee beside the sea in Maine and upon the sands of Florida and beside the opalescent waters identally, also, the Government of the Golden Gate-yet I have not fallen into thy nets! "Thy mother hath baited me with flatteries and dinner parties and

cajoleries and hints-yet I have not swallowed them. "Thou hast clung to me in times of danger; thou hast plucked the unseen speck from my coat-lapel; thou hast 'mothered' me tenderly; thou

hast wept thy troubles out upon my willing shoulder. Yea, thou hast marked me for thine own, and anointed me with thy pet perfume, and bathed my forehead with fragrant cologne, yet I have not lost my balance; and my sense of self-preservation has kept me safe!

"Thou hast fed me from the chafing-dish and tempted me with homein a larger sense, but at the ratifica- whether she meant because of the cooking-but I have closed mine eyes and prayed for strength and have not proposed marriage!

"Thou has 'vamped' in vain! Thou hast lured me with babblings of Platonic friendship; thou hast goaded me with jealousy! Yet all thy, subtility was nought. For I have 'watched my step!'

"All the Seven Stunts of Woman hast thou practised upon me-the tender and the chilly, the cute and the motherly, the domestic and the intellectual, the chummy and the mysterious.

"Yet I have seen through thy camouflage and am still a Bachelor! "Tell me, oh, foolish one, why shall I marry? Yea, why, because I

find a damsel fair, shall I permit her to annex me? Why shall I contract "Lo, now have I all the comforts of home at half the expense!

"Whither soever I wish to go, whether it be to India or to my club.

I am free to wander, without having to pawn my coat or to perjure my soul. "Behold, I can take my days, my joys, and my loves a la carte, and fancy wills; and my life is not as a red-ink table d'hote, the same to-day, yesterday and forever!

"Therefore do I cling to my freedom. Yea, give me liberty or give

Verily, verily, my Daughter, so spoke the Bolsheviki!

For every bachelor is a Bolshevist at heart and all his boasts are as So, when the psychological moment arriveth, the Woman of the Hour shall walk straight through his barrage of words, and lead him blindfold

into the Kingdom of Matrimony. And he shall sign a "Shameful Peace Pact" and give up his liberty

Selah.